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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION, 37 CFR §1.111**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 27, 2002, the time period for response thereto being set to expire March 27, 2003, by virtue of the Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time filed herewith, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendment and accompanying remarks, along with the substitute Declaration, Terminal Disclaimer, Certificate Under §3.73(b), and Rule 132 Declaration of Alan Ebringer, filed herewith.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**An Abstract** is included at page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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